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Committee

16 June 1958

Mr. Carlton C. Massey
County Executive
Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Massey:

I am honored by the advice in your letter of 29 May that the Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County has appointed me as a member of the Advisory Council to the Economic and Industrial Development Committee for a term of one year from 28 May 1958. I am informed that there is no legal objection to my acceptance of this appointment and personally look forward to participating as a member of the Council.

There is one consideration, however, to which I believe I must invite the attention of yourself and Mr. William Simms. As an employee of the Federal Government I am, of course, subject to the laws and policies relating to conflicts of interest. It is probably impossible to foretell to what extent the legal and ethical standards involved would restrict my full participation in the work of the Advisory Council, but it would appear to be inappropriate for me to engage in any Advisory Council activity directed to the attraction of any specific industrial and commercial enterprise. On the other hand, it would appear to be quite appropriate for me to represent the Agency's position in regard to the general aims and endeavors of the Advisory Council, and if I correctly interpret your intention in my appointment this is the type of participation you are seeking.

In effect, I would act as a consultant for the special purpose of representing the Agency's views on general problems before the Advisory Council. If this concept is too restrictive for your purposes do not hesitate to select another member as I would fully understand your position. If, however, the role outlined above is acceptable to you I should be very glad to work with the Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

/s/

W. K. White

cc: Mr. William C. Simms,
Chairman, Economic and
Industrial Committee of
Fairfax County

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